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Title of Invention: Etching Process for Organic Anti-reflective coating

Inventors (please provide full names): Jeffrey Hung and Brian Lee

Earliest Priority Filing Date: December 31, 1997 (early filing date cut out a lot of art)

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Search claims. 14, 18, 21, 28, 29, and 30  
 (etching or etchant)

$\text{CH}_3\text{F}$ ; Ar or argon; HCl or hydrochloric  
 and  $\text{BCl}_3$  or trichloroboron or boron  
 trichloride

Note: inert = noble = He, Ar, Ne, Xe, Kr

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① 14. (Twice Amended) An oxygen-free plasma etching gas formulation for removing an organic ARC on a metallic layer comprising CHF<sub>3</sub>, argon and HCl or BCl<sub>3</sub>, the gas formulation being free of SF<sub>6</sub>.

② 18. (Twice Amended) An oxygen-free plasma etching gas formulation for removing an organic ARC on a metallic layer comprising CHF<sub>3</sub>, argon and chlorine, the gas formulation being free of SF<sub>6</sub>, and a ratio of flow rates of CHF<sub>3</sub>:argon:chlorine in the formulation is 5 to 80 sccm:5 to 80 sccm:5 to 60 sccm.

③ 21. (Amended) An oxygen-free plasma etching gas formulation for removing an organic ARC on a metallic layer comprising more than one fluorine-containing compound, an optional inert carrier gas, and chlorine, the gas formulation being free of SF<sub>6</sub>.

28. (New) The gas formulation of Claim 14, which comprises HCl.

E 29. (New) The gas formulation of Claim 14, which comprises BCl<sub>3</sub>.

30. (New) The gas formulation of Claim 21, which comprises an inert carrier gas.

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L66 ANSWER 1 OF 4 HCA COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 127:155062 HCA  
TITLE: Minimizing metal etch rate pattern  
sensitivity in a high density plasma  
etcher  
AUTHOR(S): Gabriel, Calvin T.; Zheng, Jie; Abraham, Susan  
C.  
CORPORATE SOURCE: VLSI Technol., San Jose, CA, 95131, USA  
SOURCE: Journal of Vacuum Science & Technology, A:

Vacuum, Surfaces, and Films (1997),  
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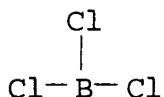
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 LANGUAGE: English

AB The variation of metal **etch** rate with spacing between metal lines was measured from SEM micrographs of TiN/Al-0.5%Cu/TiN wafers etched in a high d. inductively coupled plasma metal etcher. The metal **etch** rate was found to depend on the spacing between metal lines, with **etch** rate significantly decreasing in very narrow spaces for a conventional Cl<sub>2</sub>/BCl<sub>3</sub> chem. The effect of several process parameters on this **etch** rate dependence was studied. It was found that the dependence could be reduced significantly, and the traditional roll off of **etch** rate as spacing decreases could be eliminated, by the choice of process gases. Addn. of 15% CHF<sub>3</sub> to a BCl<sub>3</sub>/Cl<sub>2</sub> mixt. resulted in a 50% redn. of the effect, and addn. of both CHF<sub>3</sub> and Ar under certain process conditions resulted in almost complete redn. or even inversion of the effect. A mechanism is proposed for this improvement: sidewall passavants like CHF<sub>3</sub> reduce the sticking coeff. of chlorine on aluminum, boosting reactant flux to the bottom of high aspect ratio openings.

IT 10294-34-5, Boron chloride  
 (etching atm.; minimizing metal **etch** rate pattern sensitivity in high d. plasma etcher in relation to)

RN 10294-34-5 HCA

CN Borane, trichloro- (9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)



CC 76-3 (Electric Phenomena)  
 Section cross-reference(s): 56

ST wafer etching plasma pattern sensitivity; metal etching pattern sensitivity plasma; methyl fluoride metal etching pattern sensitivity; boron chloride metal etching pattern sensitivity; chlorine metal etching pattern sensitivity

IT Etching  
 Plasma  
 (minimizing metal **etch** rate pattern sensitivity in high d. plasma etcher)

IT 593-53-3, Fluoromethane  
 (additive; minimizing metal **etch** rate pattern sensitivity in high d. plasma etcher in relation to)

IT 7782-50-5, Chlorine, uses 10294-34-5, Boron chloride  
 (etching atm.; minimizing metal etch rate pattern sensitivity in high d. plasma etcher in relation to)

IT 11100-89-3 25583-20-4, Titanium nitride, TiN  
 (variation of metal etch rate with spacing between metal lines as measured from SEM micrographs of TiN/Al-0.5%Cu/TiN wafers etched in high d. inductively coupled plasma)

L66 ANSWER 2 OF 4 HCA COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 124:162357 HCA  
 TITLE: **Plasma etching** of vias in a dielectric layer with removal of residues  
 INVENTOR(S): Shan, Hongching; Wu, Robert  
 PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Applied Materials, Inc., USA  
 SOURCE: Eur. Pat. Appl., 7 pp.  
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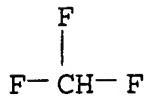
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US 1994-272356 19940708				

## PRIORITY APPLN. INFO.:

AB Disclosed is a process for **plasma etching** a mask-patterned dielec. film to form vias on a semiconductor wafer, so that the resulting **etched** structure is devoid of residues on the walls of the structure. A via is an opening through a dielec. material through which a point of contact of underlying metal with a metal film deposited over the dielec. is made. The underlying metal, when exposed to **plasma**, has a tendency to sputter onto the vertical wall portions of the contact via structures. The metal-contg. sputtered material forms a residue that essentially cannot be removed in the subsequent photoresist stripping process typically used in semiconductor manufg. The **plasma etch** process in accordance with the invention enables removal of the sputtered metal by using with the basic dielec. etch gases a gas that reacts with the metal to form volatile compds. which are readily evacuable.

IT 75-46-7, Fluoroform 7647-01-0,  
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 Boron chloride (BCl<sub>3</sub>)  
 (plasma etching of vias in a dielec. layer in presence of)

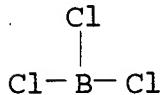
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 CN Methane, trifluoro- (8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)



RN 7647-01-0 HCA  
 CN Hydrochloric acid (6CI, 7CI, 8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)

HCl

RN 10294-34-5 HCA  
 CN Borane, trichloro- (9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)



IC ICM H01L021-311  
 ICS H01L021-768  
 CC 76-2 (Electric Phenomena)  
 ST plasma etching via dielec layer; residue removal  
 via etching dielec layer  
 IT Electric insulators and Dielectrics  
 (plasma etching of vias in a dielec. layer  
 with removal of residues)  
 IT Sputtering  
 (etching, of vias in a dielec. layer with removal of  
 residues)  
 IT Electric conductors  
 (interconnections, plasma etching of vias in  
 a dielec. layer with removal of residues)  
 IT Etching  
 (sputter, of vias in a dielec. layer with removal of residues)  
 IT 75-46-7, Fluoroform 75-73-0, Tetrafluoromethane  
 76-16-4, Hexafluoroethane 7440-37-1, Argon,  
 processes 7647-01-0, Hydrogen  
 chloride, processes 7726-95-6, Bromine, processes  
 7727-37-9, Nitrogen, processes 7782-50-5, Chlorine, processes  
 10035-10-6, Hydrogen bromide, processes 10294-34-5,  
 Boron chloride (BCl<sub>3</sub>)  
 (plasma etching of vias in a dielec. layer in  
 presence of)  
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 (plasma etching of vias in dielec. layers on)

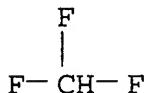
TITLE: Charge damage caused by electron shading effect  
 AUTHOR(S): Hashimoto, Koichi  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: LSI Wafer Process Division, Kawasaki, 211, Japan  
 SOURCE: Japanese Journal of Applied Physics, Part 1:  
 Regular Papers, Short Notes & Review Papers (1994), 33(10), 6013-18  
 CODEN: JAPNDE; ISSN: 0021-4922

DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
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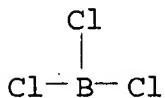
AB An antenna covered with photoresist patterns having high-aspect-ratio openings caused charge damage to the gate oxide in various processing **plasmas**. This damage increased with the pattern's aspect ratio, and occurred even when the test wafer was cut into chips .apprx.5 mm square and mounted on a wafer with insulation. These results prove the electron shading mod14986-21-1el: the photoresist patterns shade the antenna from electrons of oblique incidence, resulting in local charging occurring without a wafer-scale voltage difference, which is essential for conventional charging. The damaging current from this mechanism increased by a factor of more than ten with a decrease in the gate oxide thickness only from 8 nm to 6 nm, implying that the degree of shading depends on the gate charging voltage. An improved model is proposed top accommodate this strong dependence.

IT 75-46-7, Fluoroform 10294-34-5,  
**Boron trichloride**  
 (charge damage from **plasma** processing of gate oxides due to electron shading by photoresists)

RN 75-46-7 HCA  
 CN Methane, trifluoro- (8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)



RN 10294-34-5 HCA  
 CN Borane, trichloro- (9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)



CC 76-3 (Electric Phenomena)  
 IT Electric capacitors  
 Ionization in solids  
**Plasma**  
 Simulation and Modeling, physicochemical  
 (charge damage from **plasma** processing of gate oxides due to electron shading by photoresists)  
 IT Electric breakdown  
 (of SiO<sub>2</sub> gates as function of thickness after **plasma**)

IT processing)  
 Sputtering  
 (etching, charge damage from plasma  
 processing of gate oxides due to electron shading by  
 photoresists)  
 IT Etching  
 (sputter, charge damage from plasma processing of gate  
 oxides due to electron shading by photoresists)  
 IT 7631-86-9, Silica, properties  
 (charge damage from plasma processing of gate oxides  
 due to electron shading by photoresists)  
 IT 7440-37-1, Argon, processes  
 (charge damage from plasma processing of gate oxides  
 due to electron shading by photoresists)  
 IT 75-46-7, Fluoroform 75-73-0, Tetrafluoromethane  
 7782-50-5, Chlorine, reactions 10035-10-6, Hydrogen bromide,  
 reactions 10294-34-5, Boron trichloride  
 (charge damage from plasma processing of gate oxides  
 due to electron shading by photoresists)

L66 ANSWER 4 OF 4 HCA COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 115:237947 HCA  
 TITLE: Etching properties of aluminum oxide  
 films prepared by plasma enhanced  
 metal organic chemical vapor deposition  
 AUTHOR(S): Kang, C. J.; Kim, Y. C.; Park, C. O.; Lee, W.  
 J.; Chun, John S.  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Dep. Mater. Sci. Eng., Korea Adv. Inst. Sci.  
 Technol., Seoul, 131-00, S. Korea  
 SOURCE: Materials Science Monographs (1991),  
 67(High Perform. Ceram. Films Coat.), 391-8  
 CODEN: MSMODP; ISSN: 0166-6010  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 AB Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> films were deposited on Si substrates at low temps.  
 (150.degree.-300.degree.) by plasma-enhanced chem.-vapor  
 deposition using trimethylaluminum, N<sub>2</sub>O, and He  
 gases. The films deposited at 150.degree. have an amorphous  
 structure. Those deposited >250.degree. have an extremely fine  
 .gamma.-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> polycryst. structure. H is the only impurity detected  
 in the Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> film and its concn. increases as the deposition temp.  
 decreases. The dry and wet etch behaviors of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> were  
 studied in F- and Cl-based plasmas as well as in a dil. HF  
 soln. The dry and wet etch rate of the film decreases as  
 the deposition temp. increases. The Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> films are hardly  
 etched in a CHF<sub>3</sub>/C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub> plasma, resulting  
 in the etch rate ratio of 1:30 with respect to the  
 low-temp. SiO<sub>2</sub>. On the other hand, the etch rates in a  
 Cl<sub>2</sub>/BCl<sub>3</sub>/He plasma and in a dil. HF soln. are  
 much higher than those in the F-based plasma.  
 CC 57-2 (Ceramics)  
 ST alumina organometallic plasma CVD etching

IT property  
**Etching**  
 (of alumina films, prepн. by plasma-enhanced organometallic CVD in relation to)

IT Coating process  
 (chem.-vapor, organometallic, plasma-enhanced, with alumina, etching properties in relation to)

IT 1344-28-1P, Alumina, uses and miscellaneous (coatings, etching properties of, prepн. by plasma-enhanced organometallic CVD in relation to)

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*claim 18*

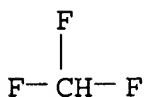
L67 ANSWER 1 OF 6 HCA COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 127:213710 HCA  
 TITLE: Method for plasma etching of semiconductor wafers and an integrated circuit manufactured using the method  
 INVENTOR(S): Abraham, Susan C.  
 PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Lam Research Corporation, USA  
 SOURCE: PCT Int. Appl., 33 pp.  
 CODEN: PIXXD2  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Patent  
 LANGUAGE: English  
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AB A method for etching a TiN layer of a wafer stack in a plasma processing chamber is described. The method includes the step of etching at least partially through the TiN layer using a 1st chem., which preferably includes a TiN etchant, a noble gas, and a polymer-forming chem. In 1 embodiment, the TiN etchant is Cl<sub>2</sub>, the noble gas is Ar, and the polymer-forming chem. is CHF<sub>3</sub>.

IT 75-46-7, Fluoroform 7782-50-5,  
 Chlorine, processes  
 (plasma etching of semiconductor wafers in

integrated circuit manuf. using gas mixts. contg.)  
 RN 75-46-7 HCA  
 CN Methane, trifluoro- (8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)



RN 7782-50-5 HCA  
 CN Chlorine (6CI, 7CI, 8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)

Cl-Cl

IC ICM H01L021-302  
 ICS H01L021-321; C04B041-53  
 CC 76-3 (Electric Phenomena)  
 ST plasma etching semiconductor wafer; integrated circuit manuf plasma etching; titanium nitride etching integrated circuit manuf  
 IT Semiconductor materials  
 (plasma etching of semiconductor wafers in integrated circuit manuf.)  
 IT Noble gases, processes  
 (plasma etching of semiconductor wafers in integrated circuit manuf. using gas mixts. contg.)  
 IT Integrated circuits  
 (plasma etching of semiconductor wafers in manuf. of)  
 IT Etching  
 (plasma; of semiconductor wafers in manuf. of integrated circuits)  
 IT 7440-32-6, Titanium, processes 25583-20-4, Titanium nitride (TiN)  
 (plasma etching of layers of)  
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 (plasma etching of semiconductor wafers in integrated circuit manuf. using gas mixts. contg.)

L67 ANSWER 2 OF 6 HCA COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS

ACCESSION NUMBER: 127:155062 HCA

TITLE: Minimizing metal etch rate pattern sensitivity in a high density plasma etcher

AUTHOR(S): Gabriel, Calvin T.; Zheng, Jie; Abraham, Susan C.

CORPORATE SOURCE: VLSI Technol., San Jose, CA, 95131, USA

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LANGUAGE: English

AB The variation of metal **etch** rate with spacing between metal lines was measured from SEM micrographs of TiN/Al-0.5%Cu/TiN wafers **etched** in a high d. inductively coupled **plasma** metal **etcher**. The metal **etch** rate was found to depend on the spacing between metal lines, with **etch** rate significantly decreasing in very narrow spaces for a conventional Cl<sub>2</sub>/BCl<sub>3</sub> chem. The effect of several process parameters on this **etch** rate dependence was studied. It was found that the dependence could be reduced significantly, and the traditional roll off of **etch** rate as spacing decreases could be eliminated, by the choice of process gases. Addn. of 15% CHF<sub>3</sub> to a BCl<sub>3</sub>/Cl<sub>2</sub> mixt. resulted in a 50% redn. of the effect, and addn. of both CHF<sub>3</sub> and Ar under certain process conditions resulted in almost complete redn. or even inversion of the effect. A mechanism is proposed for this improvement: sidewall passavants like CHF<sub>3</sub> reduce the sticking coeff. of chlorine on aluminum, boosting reactant flux to the bottom of high aspect ratio openings.

IT 7782-50-5, Chlorine, uses  
(etching atm.; minimizing metal **etch** rate pattern sensitivity in high d. **plasma** **etcher** in relation to)

RN 7782-50-5 HCA  
CN Chlorine (6CI, 7CI, 8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)

## Cl-Cl

CC 76-3 (Electric Phenomena)  
Section cross-reference(s): 56

ST wafer etching **plasma** pattern sensitivity; metal etching pattern sensitivity **plasma**; methyl fluoride metal etching pattern sensitivity; boron chloride metal etching pattern sensitivity; chlorine metal etching pattern sensitivity

IT Etching  
    **Plasma**  
        (minimizing metal **etch** rate pattern sensitivity in high d. **plasma** **etcher**)

IT 593-53-3, Fluoromethane  
    (additive; minimizing metal **etch** rate pattern sensitivity in high d. **plasma** **etcher** in relation to)

IT 7782-50-5, Chlorine, uses 10294-34-5, Boron chloride  
    (etching atm.; minimizing metal **etch** rate pattern sensitivity in high d. **plasma** **etcher** in relation to)

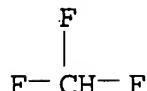
IT 11100-89-3 25583-20-4, Titanium nitride, TiN  
 (variation of metal **etch** rate with spacing between  
 metal lines as measured from SEM micrographs of TiN/Al-0.5%Cu/TiN  
 wafers **etched** in high d. inductively coupled  
 plasma)

L67 ANSWER 3 OF 6 HCA COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 125:344661 HCA  
 TITLE: New ultrahigh-frequency plasma  
 discharge for large-scale **etching**  
 processes  
 AUTHOR(S): Samukawa, Seiji; Nakano, Toshiki  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Microelectronics Research Laboratories, Japan  
 SOURCE: NEC Research & Development (1996),  
 37(3), 317-324  
 CODEN: NECRAU; ISSN: 0547-051X  
 PUBLISHER: NEC Culture Center, Ltd.  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
 LANGUAGE: English

AB Electron, ion and neutral temps. are measured in an  
 ultrahigh-frequency (UHF) **plasma** by Langmuir probe and  
 Doppler-shifted laser-induced fluorescence. The electron, ion and  
 neutral temps. are 1.5-2.0 eV (Ar **plasma**), 0.066 eV for  
 Ar+ and 0.036 eV for Ne, resp., and are lower than those reported  
 for electron cyclotron resonance and helicon wave **plasmas**.  
 The low temps. cause lower dissociations of CHF<sub>3</sub> gas even in  
 the **plasma** prodn. region of the UHF **plasma**  
 source. The **plasma** is expected to improve significantly  
 the selectivity of SiO<sub>2</sub> to underlying Si. Addnl., the  
**plasma** can be used to accomplish notch-free poly-Si  
 etching profile and micro-loading-free Si trench  
 etching with a high **etching** rate and high  
 anisotropy with a narrow space pattern of <0.3 .mu.m. Probably the  
 charge accumulation with the narrow space pattern should be  
 eliminated because of the low electron temp. in the UHF  
**plasma**.

IT 75-46-7P 7782-50-5P, Chlorine,  
 preparation  
 (new ultrahigh-frequency **plasma** discharge for  
 large-scale **etching** processes)

RN 75-46-7 HCA  
 CN Methane, trifluoro- (8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)



RN 7782-50-5 HCA  
 CN Chlorine (6CI, 7CI, 8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)

Cl- Cl

CC 76-11 (Electric Phenomena)  
 ST ultra high frequency **plasma** discharge **etching**;  
 silicon silica argon neon **chlorine**  
**trifluoromethane**  
 IT **Etching**  
**Plasma**  
 (new ultrahigh-frequency **plasma** discharge for  
 large-scale **etching** processes)  
 IT **Helium-group gases**  
 (new ultrahigh-frequency **plasma** discharge for  
 large-scale **etching** processes)  
 IT 75-46-7P 7440-01-9P, Neon, preparation 7440-37-1P,  
 Argon, preparation 7631-86-9P, Silica, preparation  
 7782-50-5P, Chlorine, preparation  
 (new ultrahigh-frequency **plasma** discharge for  
 large-scale **etching** processes)  
 IT 7440-21-3P, Silicon, preparation  
 (polycryst.; new ultrahigh-frequency **plasma** discharge  
 for large-scale **etching** processes)

L67 ANSWER 4 OF 6 HCA COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 124:162357 HCA  
 TITLE: **Plasma etching** of vias in a  
 dielectric layer with removal of residues  
 INVENTOR(S): Shan, Hongching; Wu, Robert  
 PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Applied Materials, Inc., USA  
 SOURCE: Eur. Pat. Appl., 7 pp.  
 CODEN: EPXXDW  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Patent  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 FAMILY ACC. NUM. COUNT: 1  
 PATENT INFORMATION:

PATENT NO.	KIND	DATE	APPLICATION NO.	DATE
EP 691678	A2	19960110	EP 1995-110240	19950630 <--
EP 691678	A3	19971001		
R: AT, BE, CH, DE, ES, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LI, NL, SE				
US 5514247	A	19960507	US 1994-272356	19940708 <--
JP 08172077	A2	19960702	JP 1995-173689	19950710 <--
PRIORITY APPLN. INFO.:			US 1994-272356	19940708

AB Disclosed is a process for **plasma etching** a  
 mask-patterned dielec. film to form vias on a semiconductor wafer,  
 so that the resulting **tched** structure is devoid of  
 residues on the walls of the structure. A via is an opening through  
 a dielec. material through which a point of contact of underlying  
 metal with a metal film deposited over the dielec. is made. The  
 underlying metal, when exposed to **plasma**, has a tendency

to sputter onto the vertical wall portions of the contact via structures. The metal-contg. sputtered material forms a residue that essentially cannot be removed in the subsequent photoresist stripping process typically used in semiconductor manufg. The **plasma etch** process in accordance with the invention enables removal of the sputtered metal by using with the basic dielec. etch gases a gas that reacts with the metal to form volatile compds. which are readily evacuable.

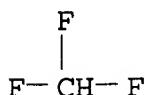
IT 75-46-7, Fluoroform 7782-50-5,

Chlorine, processes

(plasma etching of vias in a dielec. layer in presence of)

RN 75-46-7 HCA

CN Methane, trifluoro- (8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)



RN 7782-50-5 HCA

CN Chlorine (6CI, 7CI, 8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)

Cl- Cl

IC ICM H01L021-311  
ICS H01L021-768

CC 76-2 (Electric Phenomena)

ST plasma etching via dielec layer; residue removal via etching dielec layer

IT Electric insulators and Dielectrics  
(plasma etching of vias in a dielec. layer with removal of residues)

IT Sputtering  
(etching, of vias in a dielec. layer with removal of residues)

IT Electric conductors  
(interconnections, plasma etching of vias in a dielec. layer with removal of residues)

IT Etching  
(sputter, of vias in a dielec. layer with removal of residues)

IT 75-46-7, Fluoroform 75-73-0, Tetrafluoromethane  
76-16-4, Hexafluoroethane 7440-37-1, Argon,  
processes 7647-01-0, Hydrogen chloride, processes  
7726-95-6, Bromine, processes 7727-37-9, Nitrogen, processes  
7782-50-5, Chlorine, processes 10035-10-6,  
Hydrogen bromide, processes 10294-34-5, Boron chloride (BCl<sub>3</sub>)  
(plasma etching of vias in a dielec. layer in presence of)

IT 7429-90-5, Aluminum, miscellaneous  
(plasma etching of vias in dielec. layers on)

L67 ANSWER 5 OF 6 HCA COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 122:21334 HCA  
 TITLE: Charge damage caused by electron shading effect  
 AUTHOR(S): Hashimoto, Koichi  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: LSI Wafer Process Division, Kawasaki, 211, Japan  
 SOURCE: Japanese Journal of Applied Physics, Part 1: Regular Papers, Short Notes & Review Papers (1994), 33(10), 6013-18  
 CODEN: JAPNDE; ISSN: 0021-4922

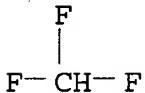
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
 LANGUAGE: English

AB An antenna covered with photoresist patterns having high-aspect-ratio openings caused charge damage to the gate oxide in various processing **plasmas**. This damage increased with the pattern's aspect ratio, and occurred even when the test wafer was cut into chips .apprx.5 mm square and mounted on a wafer with insulation. These results prove the electron shading mod14986-21-1el: the photoresist patterns shade the antenna from electrons of oblique incidence, resulting in local charging occurring without a wafer-scale voltage difference, which is essential for conventional charging. The damaging current from this mechanism increased by a factor of more than ten with a decrease in the gate oxide thickness only from 8 nm to 6 nm, implying that the degree of shading depends on the gate charging voltage. An improved model is proposed top accommodate this strong dependence.

IT 75-46-7, Fluoroform 7782-50-5,  
 Chlorine, reactions  
 (charge damage from **plasma** processing of gate oxides  
 due to electron shading by photoresists)

RN 75-46-7 HCA

CN Methane, trifluoro- (8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)



RN 7782-50-5 HCA  
 CN Chlorine (6CI, 7CI, 8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)

Cl—Cl

CC 76-3 (Electric Phenomena)

IT Electric capacitors  
 Ionization in solids

**Plasma**

Simulation and Modeling, physicochemical  
 (charge damage from **plasma** processing of gate oxides  
 due to electron shading by photoresists)

IT Electric breakdown

(of SiO<sub>2</sub> gates as function of thickness after plasma processing)

IT Sputtering  
(etching, charge damage from plasma processing of gate oxides due to electron shading by photoresists)

IT Etching  
(sputter, charge damage from plasma processing of gate oxides due to electron shading by photoresists)

IT 7631-86-9, Silica, properties  
(charge damage from plasma processing of gate oxides due to electron shading by photoresists)

IT 7440-37-1, Argon, processes  
(charge damage from plasma processing of gate oxides due to electron shading by photoresists)

IT 75-46-7, Fluoroform 75-73-0, Tetrafluoromethane  
7782-50-5, Chlorine, reactions 10035-10-6,  
Hydrogen bromide, reactions 10294-34-5, Boron trichloride  
(charge damage from plasma processing of gate oxides due to electron shading by photoresists)

L67 ANSWER 6 OF 6 HCA COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 115:237947 HCA  
TITLE: Etching properties of aluminum oxide films prepared by plasma enhanced metal organic chemical vapor deposition  
AUTHOR(S): Kang, C. J.; Kim, Y. C.; Park, C. O.; Lee, W. J.; Chun, John S.  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Dep. Mater. Sci. Eng., Korea Adv. Inst. Sci. Technol., Seoul, 131-00, S. Korea  
SOURCE: Materials Science Monographs (1991), 67(High Perform. Ceram. Films Coat.), 391-8  
CODEN: MSMODP; ISSN: 0166-6010  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
LANGUAGE: English  
AB Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> films were deposited on Si substrates at low temps. (150.degree.-300.degree.) by plasma-enhanced chem.-vapor deposition using trimethylaluminum, N<sub>2</sub>O, and He gases. The films deposited at 150.degree. have an amorphous structure. Those deposited >250.degree. have an extremely fine .gamma.-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> polycryst. structure. H is the only impurity detected in the Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> film and its concn. increases as the deposition temp. decreases. The dry and wet etch behaviors of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> were studied in F- and Cl-based plasmas as well as in a dil. HF soln. The dry and wet etch rate of the film decreases as the deposition temp. increases. The Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> films are hardly etched in a CHF<sub>3</sub>/C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub> plasma, resulting in the etch rate ratio of 1:30 with respect to the low-temp. SiO<sub>2</sub>. On the other hand, the etch rates in a Cl<sub>2</sub>/BCl<sub>3</sub>/He plasma and in a dil. HF soln. are much higher than those in the F-based plasma.

CC 57-2 (Ceramics)

ST alumina organometallic **plasma** CVD **etching**  
 property  
 IT **Etching**  
     (of alumina films, prep. by **plasma**-enhanced  
     organometallic CVD in relation to)  
 IT Coating process  
     (chem.-vapor, organometallic, **plasma**-enhanced, with  
     alumina, **etching** properties in relation to)  
 IT 1344-28-1P, Alumina, uses and miscellaneous  
     (coatings, **etching** properties of, prep. by  
     **plasma**-enhanced organometallic CVD in relation to)

*claim 21*

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L52 ANSWER 1 OF 2 HCA COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS

ACCESSION NUMBER: 134:229141 HCA

TITLE: Inductively coupled Cl<sub>2</sub>/Ar/O<sub>2</sub>  
**plasma etching** of GaN, InGaN,  
 and AlGaN

AUTHOR(S): Lee, Ji-Myon; Chang, Ki-Myung; Park, Seong-Ju;  
 Jang, Hong-Kyu

CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Materials Science and Engineering  
 and Center for, Kwangju Institute of Science and  
 Technology, Kwangju, 500-712, S. Korea

SOURCE: Journal of the Korean Physical Society (2000),  
 37(6), 842-845

PUBLISHER: Korean Physical Society  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
 LANGUAGE: English

AB The **etch** selectivities of GaN and In<sub>0.12</sub>Ga<sub>0.88</sub>N over  
 Al<sub>0.1</sub>Ga<sub>0.9</sub>N were studied using an inductively coupled Cl<sub>2</sub>  
 /Ar/O<sub>2</sub> **plasma** and the results were  $\text{.1toreq.} 24$  and 32,  
 resp. An x-ray photoelectron spectroscopic (XPS) anal. of the  
**etched** surface showed that an Al-O bond was formed on the  
 AlGaN surface during the Cl<sub>2</sub>/Ar/O<sub>2</sub> **plasma**  
**etching**, so the high selectivity thus obtained could be  
 attributed to the **etch**-resistant oxide layer. This oxide  
 layer could be easily **etched** off by using an HF  
 -based soln. during the mask removal process. The at. force  
 microscopic image of the surface morphol. showed an Al/Ga  
 droplet-like structure on the nitride surfaces, that had been  
**etched** by O-free **plasma** while  
 those that had been **etched** using an O-contg.  
**plasma** showed a droplet-free smooth surface. A Ga  
 oxynitride layer, which prevented the preferential sputtering of N  
 on the nitride surface, was also obsd. by XPS.

IT 7782-50-5, Chlorine, processes  
     (inductively coupled Cl<sub>2</sub>/Ar/O<sub>2</sub> **plasma**  
     **etching** of GaN, InGaN, and AlGaN studied by XPS)

RN 7782-50-5 HCA

CN Chlorine (6CI, 7CI, 8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)

Cl-Cl

CC 73-6 (Optical, Electron, and Mass Spectroscopy and Other Related Properties)  
 Section cross-reference(s): 76

ST inductively coupled chlorine argon oxygen plasma etching semiconductor; gallium nitride etching plasma; indium gallium nitride etching plasma; aluminum gallium nitride etching XPS

IT Etching  
 (dry and wet; inductively coupled Cl<sub>2</sub>/Ar/O<sub>2</sub> plasma etching of GaN, InGaN, and AlGaN studied by XPS)

IT Surface structure  
 X-ray photoelectron spectra  
 (inductively coupled Cl<sub>2</sub>/Ar/O<sub>2</sub> plasma etching of GaN, InGaN, and AlGaN studied by XPS)

IT Etching  
 (plasma; inductively coupled Cl<sub>2</sub>/Ar/O<sub>2</sub> plasma etching of GaN, InGaN, and AlGaN studied by XPS)

IT 60195-39-3, Gallium oxide nitride  
 (inductively coupled Cl<sub>2</sub>/Ar/O<sub>2</sub> plasma etching of GaN, InGaN, and AlGaN studied by XPS)

IT 7440-37-1, Argon, processes 7782-44-7, Oxygen, processes  
 7782-50-5, Chlorine, processes  
 (inductively coupled Cl<sub>2</sub>/Ar/O<sub>2</sub> plasma etching of GaN, InGaN, and AlGaN studied by XPS)

IT 25617-97-4, Gallium nitride 110759-40-5, Aluminum gallium nitride (Al<sub>0.1</sub>Ga<sub>0.9</sub>N) 138133-12-7, Gallium indium nitride (Ga<sub>0.88</sub>In<sub>0.12</sub>N)  
 168269-92-9, Aluminum gallium nitride al<sub>0.05</sub>ga<sub>0.95</sub>n  
 (inductively coupled Cl<sub>2</sub>/Ar/O<sub>2</sub> plasma etching of GaN, InGaN, and AlGaN studied by XPS)

IT 7664-39-3, Hydrogen fluoride, processes  
 (with addnl. wet etching; inductively coupled Cl<sub>2</sub>/Ar/O<sub>2</sub> plasma etching of GaN, InGaN, and AlGaN studied by XPS)

REFERENCE COUNT: 15 THERE ARE 15 CITED REFERENCES AVAILABLE  
 FOR THIS RECORD. ALL CITATIONS AVAILABLE  
 IN THE RE FORMAT

L52 ANSWER 2 OF 2 HCA COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS

ACCESSION NUMBER: 122:44302 HCA

TITLE: Selective etching method for amorphous silicon

INVENTOR(S): Shiraishi, Hitoshi; Kaneko, Setsuo

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Nippon Electric Co, Japan

SOURCE: Jpn. Kokai Tokkyo Koho, 8 pp.

CODEN: JKXXAF

DOCUMENT TYPE: Patent  
 LANGUAGE: Japanese  
 FAMILY ACC. NUM. COUNT: 1  
 PATENT INFORMATION:

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JP 06267906	A2	19940922	JP 1993-56697	19930317
JP 07083018	B4	19950906		

PRIORITY APPLN. INFO.: JP 1993-56697 19930317

AB In the title method, a n-type amorphous (or polycryst. or microcryst.) Si film on a non-doped amorphous Si film is etched under the following condition: (1) using reactive O-free gas mixt. which contains <10% of F-contg. gas, and is of Cl-contg. gas (C- and F-free), Br-contg. gas, and/or I-contg. gas (C- and F-free), and (2) etching at the high pressure plasma discharge region in which phys. sputtering effects are restrained and chem. reaction effects mainly appear. By the method, n-type amorphous Si is etched selectively and non-doped amorphous Si is hardly etched.

IT 7782-50-5, Chlorine, uses  
 (etching of amorphous Si with halogen in TFT manuf.)

RN 7782-50-5 HCA

CN Chlorine (6CI, 7CI, 8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)

## Cl-Cl

IC ICM H01L021-302  
 ICA H01L029-784  
 CC 76-3 (Electric Phenomena)  
 ST etching amorphous silicon TFT; transistor thin film  
 etching silicon; halogen etching silicon film  
 transistor  
 IT Etching  
 (etching of amorphous Si with halogen in TFT manuf.)  
 IT Transistors  
 (field-effect insulated-gate, etching of amorphous Si with halogen in TFT manuf.)  
 IT 7440-21-3, Silicon, processes  
 (etching of amorphous Si with halogen in TFT manuf.)  
 IT 75-71-8, Dichlorodifluoromethane 7726-95-6, Bromine,  
 uses 7782-50-5, Chlorine, uses  
 (etching of amorphous Si with halogen in TFT manuf.)

claim 21  
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L65 ANSWER 1 OF 17 HCA COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS  
 127:354217 Analysis of a fence-free platinum etch process.  
 Milkove, Keith R.; Wang, Cindy X. (T. J. Watson Research Center,

IBM, Yorktown Heights, NY, 10598, USA). Integrated Ferroelectrics, 17(1-4), 403-419 (English) 1997. CODEN: IFEREU. ISSN: 1058-4587. Publisher: Gordon & Breach Science Publishers SA.

AB The dry etch parameters of Pt electrodes for capacitor structures were varied to measure the influence on the sidewall profile. In 4 expts. it was found that: (i) the inclusion of Ar into the Cl<sub>2</sub>/CF<sub>4</sub> gas mixt. promoted the information of fencing, (ii) insufficient total gas flow induced DE cone formation localized to the sidewalls of the etched Pt electrodes, (iii) the inclusion of CF<sub>4</sub> in the gas mixt. was unnecessary, and (iv) the choice of self-bias voltage influenced the crit. dimension control and sidewall angle of the etched Pt electrodes.

IT 7782-50-5, Chlorine, processes  
(gas mixt. affecting fence-free dry etching of Pt electrodes for capacitor structures)

RN 7782-50-5 HCA

CN Chlorine (6CI, 7CI, 8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)

Cl-Cl

CC 76-14 (Electric Phenomena)  
Section cross-reference(s): 56

ST platinum electrode dry etching gas mixt; argon chlorine fluoromethane platinum plasma etching

IT Capacitors  
(electrode; gas mixt. and bias voltage affecting fence-free dry etching of Pt electrodes for capacitor structures)

IT Etching  
(plasma; gas mixt. and bias voltage affecting fence-free dry etching of Pt electrodes for capacitor structures)

IT Bias potential  
(self-bias voltage affecting fence-free dry etching of Pt electrodes for capacitor structures)

IT 75-73-0, Tetrafluoromethane 7440-37-1, Argon, processes 7782-50-5, Chlorine, processes  
(gas mixt. affecting fence-free dry etching of Pt electrodes for capacitor structures)

IT 7440-06-4, Platinum, properties  
(gas mixt. and bias voltage affecting fence-free dry etching of Pt electrodes for capacitor structures)

L65 ANSWER 2 OF 17 HCA COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS

127:11936 Etching effects on ferroelectric capacitors with multilayered electrodes.. Chung, Chee Won; Kim, Chang Jung; Lee, June Key; Chung, Ilsub (Materials Devices Research Center, Samsung Advanced Inst. Technology, Suwon, 440, S. Korea). Integrated Ferroelectrics, 13(1-3), 129-140 (English) 1996. CODEN: IFEREU. ISSN: 1058-4587. Publisher: Gordon & Breach.

AB Dry etching of PZT thin film capacitors with RuO<sub>x</sub>/Pt

multilayered electrodes was studied to examine the **etching** effects. PZT films were deposited on RuO<sub>x</sub>/Pt/Ti/SiO<sub>2</sub>/Si substrates by sol-gel process and Pt films were prep'd. by d.c. magnetron sputtering. PZT and Pt thin films were **etched** with Cl<sub>2</sub>/C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>/Ar gas combination in an inductively coupled **plasma** by varying the **etching** parameters like coil r.f. power, d.c. bias to wafer susceptor, and gas pressure. **Etching** effects were investigated in terms of **etch rate**, **etch selectivity**, **etch profiles**, and elec. properties of **etched** capacitors. Quant. anal. of the **etching** damage was obtained by calcg. the shift of the coercive field and the switchable polarization in hysteresis loops. The **etching** damage mechanism was discussed and the optimization of **etching** processes for the fabrication of PZT capacitors was attempted to minimize the **etching** damage to ferroelec. capacitors.

CC 76-10 (Electric Phenomena)

ST PZT platinum ferroelec capacitor **etching** damage; **plasma** etching kinetics PZT capacitor ferroelectricity

IT Ferroelectric capacitors  
Ferroelectricity  
(effects of PZT and Pt/RuO<sub>x</sub> **plasma** etching on ferroelectricity of capacitors with multilayered electrodes)

IT Etching kinetics  
(of PZT and Pt/RuO<sub>x</sub> **plasma** etching of ferroelec. capacitors with multilayered electrodes)

IT Etching  
(**plasma**; effects of PZT and Pt/RuO<sub>x</sub> **plasma** etching on ferroelectricity of capacitors with multilayered electrodes)

IT 7440-06-4, Platinum, properties 11113-84-1, Ruthenium oxide 111593-93-2, Lead titanium zirconium oxide (PbTi0.46Zr0.54O<sub>3</sub>)  
(effects of PZT and Pt/RuO<sub>x</sub> **plasma** etching on ferroelectricity of capacitors with multilayered electrodes)

L65 ANSWER 3 OF 17 HCA COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS

127:11363 Current status and requirements for new materials **etching**. Jung, Chan Ouk; Koh, Young Bum; Lee, Moon Yong; Lee, Jong Gil (Semiconductor R&D, Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd., Kyungi-Do, S. Korea). Asia-Pacific Conference on Plasma Science & Technology, 3rd, Tokyo, July 15-17, 1996, Volume 2, 303-308. Editor(s): Kanzawa, Atsushi. Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Local Organizing Committee of APCPST'96: Tokyo, Japan. (English) 1996. CODEN: 64HSAN.

AB A review with 9 refs. A quarter micron Pt pattern was **etched** successfully in Ar-contg. halogenated **plasma**. Addn. of Cl to Ar was more effective in reducing the sidewall redeposits than CF<sub>4</sub> while **etching** slope was lowered. The **etching** slope was increased up to 70.degree. by adding oxygen to the Cl and Ar gas mixt.

Although HCl cleaning process is known to work best in removing redeposits thus far, post-etch cleaning and controlling of chamber wall contamination appear crucial in Pt etching. Lateral etching of titanium silicide was reduced by adding nitrogen or oxygen to chlorine. Pulse etching may help to minimize the lateral etching and to increase the process margin. XPS showed that polymer deposition on USG surface was more than on BPSG. In small deep contact or self-aligned contact etching, both polymn. and surface reaction with high C/F ratio gases will be very important, particularly when USG is involved.

CC 76-0 (Electric Phenomena)

ST review plasma etching

IT Etching

(plasma; current status and requirements for new materials etching)

L65 ANSWER 4 OF 17 HCA COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS

126:193614 Plasma jet etching at atmospheric

pressure for semiconductor production. Siniaguine, Oleg (IPEC Precision, Inc., Danbury, CT, USA). International Symposium on Plasma Process-Induced Damage, 1st, Santa Clara, Calif., May 13-14, 1996, 151-153. Editor(s): Cheung, Kin P.; Nakamura, Moritaka; Gabriel, Calvin T. Northern California Chapter of the American Vacuum Society: Sunnyvale, Calif. (English) 1996. CODEN: 63YRAU.

AB Plasma jet etching at atm. pressure does not induce Si crystal defects or significant changes in the elec. behavior of Si devices. The plasma jet system can be used for isotropic etching and photoresist stripping in semiconductor manufg. without yield redn. In applications such as wafer back-side etching and thinning, the plasma jet system eliminates addnl. operations necessary for wafer front-side protection. Compared to conventional methods, the higher etch rate and throughput of the plasma jet system reduces manufg. casts.

IT 7782-50-5D, Chlorine, derivs., processes  
(plasma jet etching at atm. pressure for semiconductor prodn.)

RN 7782-50-5 HCA

CN Chlorine (6CI, 7CI, 8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)

Cl-Cl

CC 76-3 (Electric Phenomena)

ST plasma jet etching silicon device

IT Etching

(dry; plasma jet etching at atm. pressure for semiconductor prodn.)

IT Semiconductor devices

(plasma jet etching at atm. pressure for

IT semiconductor prodn.)  
 7440-37-1, Argon, process s 7782-41-4D,  
 Fluorine, derivs., processes 7782-50-5D,  
 Chlorine, derivs., processes  
 (plasma jet etching at atm.  
 pressure for semiconductor prodn.)

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 126:41353 Etching of gallium nitride-type compound  
 semiconductor and formation of electrode. Manabe, Katsuhide;  
 Kotaki, Masahiro; Mori, Masaki; Hashimoto, Masafumi (Toyoda Gosei  
 Kk, Japan; Toyoda Chuo Kenkyusho Kk; Shingijutsu Kaihatsu Jigyodan).  
 Jpn. Kokai Tokkyo Koho JP 08274081 A2 19961018 Heisei, 7  
 pp. (Japanese). CODEN: JKXXAF. APPLICATION: JP 1996-32658  
 19960126.

AB Compd. semiconductor contg. Ga and N is subjected to dry-  
 etching by gas plasma contg. Cl  
 and/or Br optionally followed by dry etching by  
 inert gas plasma on the surface.  
 Alternatively, the semiconductor is dry-etched by  
 inert gas plasma. The semiconductor is  
 successively subjected to dry etching on the surface of a  
 region corresponding to electrode by inert gas  
 plasma and to metal vapor deposition to form electrode  
 showing improved ohmic property. The processes are useful for  
 GaN-type semiconductor useful for blue light-emitting diode, etc.

IC ICM H01L021-3065  
 ICS H01L021-28; H01L021-3205; H01L033-00

CC 76-3 (Electric Phenomena)

ST etching gallium nitride semiconductor; plasma  
 dry etching chlorine bromine; inert  
 gas plasma etching semiconductor;  
 electrode formation etching gallium nitride; argon  
 gas plasma dry etching; aluminum  
 deposition electrode formation etching; blue light  
 emitting diode

IT Electric contacts  
 Etching  
 (plasma dry etching of gallium arsenide-based  
 semiconductor for formation of ohmic electrode)

IT Electroluminescent devices  
 (plasma dry etching of gallium arsenide-based  
 semiconductor for formation of ohmic electrode for)

IT 75-71-8, Dichlorodifluoromethane 7440-37-1,  
 Argon, processes  
 (etchant; plasma dry etching of  
 gallium arsenide-based semiconductor for formation of ohmic  
 electrode)

IT 25617-97-4, Gallium nitride  
 (plasma dry etching of gallium arsenide-based  
 semiconductor for formation of ohmic electrode)

IT 7429-90-5, Aluminum, processes

(plasma dry etching of gallium arsenide-based semiconductor for formation of ohmic electrode including)

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 125:311773 Fabrication of novel III-N and III-V modulator structures by ECR plasma etching. Pearton, S. J.; Abernathy, C. R.; MacKenzie, J. D.; Mileham, J. R.; Shul, R. J.; Kilcoyne, S. P.; Hagerott-Crawford, M.; Ren, F.; Hobson, W. S.; Zavada, J. M. (Univ. Florida, Gainesville, FL, 32611, USA). Materials Research Society Symposium Proceedings, 405(Surface/Interface and Stress Effects in Electronic Material Nanostructures), 115-120 (English) 1996. CODEN: MRSPDH. ISSN: 0272-9172. Publisher: Materials Research Society.

AB Quantum well microdisk laser structures were fabricated in the GaN/InGaN, GaAs/AlGaAs and GaAs/InGaP systems using a combination of ECR dry etching (Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>4</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>/Ar, BC<sub>13</sub>/Ar or CH<sub>4</sub>/Ar plasma chemistries, resp.) and subsequent wet chem. etching of a buffer layer underlying the quantum wells. While wet etchants such as HF/H<sub>2</sub>O and HCl/HNO<sub>3</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O are employed for AlGaAs and InGaP, resp., a new KOH-based soln. was developed for AlN which is completely selective over both GaN and InGaN. Typical mask materials include PR or SiNx, while the high surface recombination velocity of exposed AlGaAs (.apprx.105 cm sec<sup>-1</sup>) requires encapsulation with ECR-CVD SiNx to stabilize the optical properties of the modulators.

IT 7782-50-5, Chlorine, processes  
 (fabrication of novel III-N and III-V modulator structures by ECR plasma etching)

RN 7782-50-5 HCA  
 CN Chlorine (6CI, 7CI, 8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)

## Cl-Cl

CC 73-10 (Optical, Electron, and Mass Spectroscopy and Other Related Properties)

ST IIIA VA laser modulator ECR etching; modulator optical IIIA VA ECR etching; plasma etching  
 IIIA VA laser modulator

IT Encapsulation  
 Lasers  
 (fabrication of novel III-N and III-V modulator structures by ECR plasma etching)

IT Sputtering  
 (etching, ECR; fabrication of novel III-N and III-V modulator structures by ECR plasma etching)

IT Optical instruments  
 (modulators, fabrication of novel III-N and III-V modulator structures by ECR plasma etching)

IT Lithography  
 (photo-, fabrication of novel III-N and III-V modulator structures by ECR plasma etching)

IT **Etching**  
 (sputter, ECR; fabrication of novel III-N and III-V modulator structures by ECR **plasma etching**)

IT 1303-00-0, Gallium arsenide, uses 12033-89-5, Silicon nitride Si3N4, uses 24304-00-5, Aluminum nitride (AlN) 25617-97-4, Gallium nitride (GaN) 37382-15-3, Aluminum gallium arsenide ((Al,Ga)As) 106312-00-9, Gallium indium phosphide 120994-23-2, Gallium indium nitride (GaN) (fabrication of novel III-N and III-V modulator structures by ECR **plasma etching**)

IT 74-82-8, Methane, processes 1333-74-0, Hydrogen, processes 7440-37-1, Argon, processes 7782-50-5, Chlorine, processes 9080-17-5, Ammonium sulfide ((NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(Sx)) 10294-34-5, Boron chloride (BCl<sub>3</sub>) (fabrication of novel III-N and III-V modulator structures by ECR **plasma etching**)

L65 ANSWER 7 OF 17 HCA COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS  
 124:304031 Dry etching of Pt/PbZrxTi1-xO<sub>3</sub>/Pt thin film capacitors in an inductively coupled plasma (ICP). Chung, Chee Won; Lee, Wan In; Lee, June Key (Mater. Devices Res. Cent., Samsung Adv. Inst. Technol., Suwon, S. Korea). Integrated Ferroelectrics, 11(1-4), 259-67 (English) 1995. CODEN: IFEREU. ISSN: 1058-4587. Publisher: Gordon & Breach.

AB Dry etching of PZT and Pt thin films was studied with Cl<sub>2</sub>/C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>/Ar gas in an inductively coupled plasma. The etch rates were investigated for various etching conditions (gas compn. and pressure, RF power, d.c. bias). An etch rate of 430-1500 .ANG./min was obtained for PZT films and 120-1890 .ANG./min for Pt films. PZT/Pt etching selectivity was controllable in the range 0.32-6.12. Profiles clearly showed a high degree of anisotropic etching. For fabrication of Pt/PZT/Pt thin-film capacitors, an etching process of conventional photolithog. was developed, with high rates and good selectivities.

IT 7782-50-5, Chlorine, processes (dry etching of Pt/PZT/Pt thin film capacitors in an inductively coupled plasma of Cl/C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>/Ar)

RN 7782-50-5 HCA

CN Chlorine (6CI, 7CI, 8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)

## Cl-Cl

CC 76-11 (Electric Phenomena)

ST PZT platinum thin film capacitor etching; plasma dry etching lead zirconate titanate

IT Electric capacitors (dry etching of Pt/PZT/Pt thin film capacitors in an inductively coupled plasma of Cl/C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>/Ar)

IT Sputtering (etching, dry etching of Pt/PZT/Pt thin film

capacitors in an inductively coupled **plasma** of Cl/C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>/Ar)

IT **Etching**  
 (sputter, dry etching of Pt/PZT/Pt thin film capacitors in an inductively coupled **plasma** of Cl/C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>/Ar)

IT 76-16-4, Hexafluoroethane 7440-37-1, Argon, processes 7782-50-5, Chlorine, processes  
 (dry etching of Pt/PZT/Pt thin film capacitors in an inductively coupled **plasma** of Cl/C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>/Ar)

IT 7440-06-4, Platinum, processes 12626-81-2, PZT  
 (dry etching of Pt/PZT/Pt thin film capacitors in inductively coupled **plasma** of Cl<sub>2</sub>/C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>/Ar)

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123:327763 Anisotropic polysilicon **plasma etch** using fluorine-containing gases. Cher, Ming Shry; Shan, Chung Hsing (Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Taiwan). U.S. US 5453156 A 19950926, 8 pp. (English). CODEN: USXXAM.

APPLICATION: US 1994-332907 19941101.

AB A process for dry etching a polysilicon layer or gate structure of an integrated circuit is achieved. More particularly, a process for overetching a polysilicon layer using, in place of a conventional Cl-contg. gas (e.g., CC<sub>14</sub>), a F-contg. gas, e.g. C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub> or CF<sub>4</sub>, is disclosed. After the main **etch** step, a passivation formation step is performed, in which a mixt. of He and F **gases** is flowed into a **plasma etch** chamber. Next, an overetch is performed by flowing a mixt. of He and Cl **gas**. This process eliminates the need to use CC<sub>14</sub> or other harmful O<sub>3</sub>-contg. gases in the overetch step. Also, an acceptable polysilicon sidewall profile is achieved and no undercutting of the polysilicon layer is experienced using this process.

IC ICM H01L021-00

NCL 156643100

CC 76-3 (Electric Phenomena)

ST anisotropic polysilicon **plasma etching**;  
 fluorine contg gas polysilicon **plasma etching**

IT Sputtering  
 (etching, anisotropic polysilicon **plasma etch** using fluorine-contg. gases)

IT Electric circuits  
 (integrated, anisotropic polysilicon **plasma etch** using fluorine-contg. gases in manuf. of)

IT **Etching**  
 (sputter, anisotropic polysilicon **plasma etch** using fluorine-contg. gases)

IT 75-73-0, Tetrafluoromethane 76-16-4,  
 Perfluoroethane  
 (anisotropic polysilicon **plasma etch** using)

IT 7440-21-3, Silicon, processes

(polycryst.; anisotropic polysilicon **plasma etch** using fluorine-contg. gases)

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 123:45927 Manufacture of semiconductor device involving dry etching of metal thin film. Tokashiki, Takeshi (Nippon Electric Co, Japan). Jpn. Kokai Tokkyo Koho JP 07094492 A2 19950407 Heisei, 7 pp. (Japanese). CODEN: JKXXAF.  
 APPLICATION: JP 1994-55064 19940301. PRIORITY: JP 1993-175930 19930624.

AB The manuf. involves dry **etching** of a noble metal thin film formed on a substrate to obtain a pattern by the following steps: (1) forming an **etching** mask pattern on the metal thin film, (2) dry **etching** the film in the presence of a halo-contg. gas contg. F, Cl, Br, and/or I, a .beta.-diketone which can form a metal complex with the noble metal, and a halo compd.-reducing gas. The noble metal may be Cu. Highly anisotropic **etching** with little side **etching** was carried out by the processes.

IT 7782-50-5, Chlorine, processes  
 (etching gas; manuf. of semiconductor device involving **plasma etching** of wiring from noble metal thin film)

RN 7782-50-5 HCA

CN Chlorine (6CI, 7CI, 8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)

Cl-Cl

IC ICM H01L021-3065  
 ICS H01L021-3205

CC 76-3 (Electric Phenomena)

ST semiconductor device **etching** dry metal; diketone beta etching gas noble metal; anisotropic **etching** plasma semiconductor device; copper film **etching** dry diketone

IT Electric conductors  
 Semiconductor devices

(manuf. of semiconductor device involving **plasma etching** of wiring from noble metal thin film)

IT Group IB elements  
 (manuf. of semiconductor device involving **plasma etching** of wiring from noble metal thin film)

IT Sputtering  
 (**etching**, manuf. of semiconductor device involving **plasma etching** of wiring from noble metal thin film)

IT **Etching**  
 (sputter, manuf. of semiconductor device involving **plasma etching** of wiring from noble metal thin film)

IT 1522-22-1  
 . (etching gas; manuf. of semiconductor device involving

plasma etching of wiring from noble metal thin film)

IT 7553-56-2, Iodine, processes 7664-41-7, Ammonia, processes 7726-95-6, Bromine, processes 7782-41-4, Fluorine, processes 7782-50-5, Chlorine, processes (etching gas; manuf. of semiconductor device involving plasma etching of wiring from noble metal thin film)

IT 12033-89-5, Silicon nitride, processes 25583-20-4, Titanium nitride (etching mask; manuf. of semiconductor device involving plasma etching of wiring from noble metal thin film)

IT 7440-06-4, Platinum, processes 7440-50-8, Copper, processes (manuf. of semiconductor device involving plasma etching of wiring from noble metal thin film)

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 121:269803 Use of a faceted etch process to eliminate stringers. Doan, Trung T.; Blalock, Guy T. (Micron Semiconductor, Inc., USA). U.S. US 5346585 A 19940913, 7 pp.  
 (English). CODEN: USXXAM. APPLICATION: US 1993-49274 19930420.

AB A process to create a faceted profile for an integrated circuit, in which the top corners of a layer disposed over a feature are preferentially etched, thereby creating slopes. The profile which results from the deposition of subsequent layers is more easily etched as a result of the contour imparted by the faceted edges. Since the subsequent layers are placed in the line of sight of the etch plasma, there are significantly fewer stringers.

IT 7782-50-5, Chlorine, processes (in faceted reactive ion etching of layer corners in integrated-circuit manuf.)

RN 7782-50-5 HCA  
 CN Chlorine (6CI, 7CI, 8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)

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IC ICM H01L021-00  
 NCL 156643000  
 CC 76-3 (Electric Phenomena)  
 ST faceted etch integrated circuit stringer elimination  
 IT Metals, processes (faceted reactive ion etching of layer corners in integrated-circuit manuf.)  
 IT Sputtering (etching, reactive, faceted; to eliminate stringers in integrated-circuit manuf.)  
 IT Electric circuits (integrated, faceted etch process to eliminate stringers in manuf. of)

IT **Etching**  
 (sputter, reactive, faceted; to eliminate stringers in integrated-circuit manuf.)

IT 7440-37-1, **Argon, processes** 7440-59-7,  
**Helium, processes** 7440-63-3, **Xenon, processes**  
 7726-95-6, **Bromine, processes** 7782-41-4, **Fluorine, processes**  
**7782-50-5, Chlorine, processes**  
 (in faceted reactive ion etching of layer corners in integrated-circuit manuf.)

IT 7440-21-3, **Silicon, processes**  
 (polycryst.; faceted reactive ion etching of layer corners in integrated-circuit manuf.)

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 120:180049 Comparing reactive ion etching of III-V compounds in **Cl<sub>2</sub>/BCl<sub>3</sub>/Ar** and **CCl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>/BCl<sub>3</sub>/Ar** discharges. Juang, Y. Z.; Su, Y. K.; Shei, S. C.; Fang, B. C. (Dep. Electr. Eng., Natl. Cheng Kung Univ., Tainan, Taiwan). Journal of Vacuum Science & Technology, A: Vacuum, Surfaces, and Films, 12(1), 75-82 (English) 1994. CODEN: JVTAD6. ISSN: 0734-2101.

AB The reactive ion etching (RIE) of GaAs, AlGaAs, InP, InGaAs, InGaAsP in **Cl<sub>2</sub>/BCl<sub>3</sub>/Ar** or **CCl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>/BCl<sub>3</sub>/Ar** discharges was studied as a function of the plasma parameters: power, pressure, and relative compn. as well as etching time. Due to the formation of In-based fluoride with high b.p., the etching rates of all of these materials are faster in **Cl<sub>2</sub>/BCl<sub>3</sub>/Ar** in comparison to **CCl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>/BCl<sub>3</sub>/Ar**. The In-based compds. show a similar dependence on power d. and discharge compn., but it is quite different from GaAs. When discharges contg. **CCl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>** are used, the surface morphologies are quite rough after the treatment of RIE with either type of discharge, although smooth etching surfaces can be obtained under appropriate conditions. Using **BCl<sub>3</sub>** contg. gas discharges will enhance smooth surface and maintain high etching rate. For selective etching of GaAs on AlGaAs, gas mixts. contg. **CCl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>** are used. High performance and high selective etching can be obtained by using **CCl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>/BCl<sub>3</sub>/Ar** gases mixts. Photoresists or **SiO<sub>2</sub>** were used as etching masks. **SiO<sub>2</sub>** is better than the photoresist mask for its low etching rate and sputtering to III-V compds., and it could be in situ removed by **CF<sub>4</sub>** plasma. The photoluminescence measurements show high performance of etched results when the power d. was maintained at < 0.6 W/cm<sup>2</sup>.

IT 7782-50-5, **Chlorine, reactions**  
 (sputter etching of Group IIIA pnictides by discharge mixt. contg.)

RN 7782-50-5 HCA

CN Chlorine (6CI, 7CI, 8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)

CC 76-11 (Electric Phenomena)  
ST reactive ion etching Group IIIA pnictide  
IT Group IIIA element pnictides  
(sputter etching of, using chlorine-boron  
chloride-argon or dichlorodifluoromethane-boron  
chloride-argon mixts.)  
IT Sputtering  
(etching, of Group IIIA pnictides using  
chlorine-boron chloride-argon or  
dichlorodifluoromethane-boron chloride-argon mixts.)  
IT Resists  
(photo-, sputter etching of, using chlorine  
-boron chloride-argon or dichlorodifluoromethane-boron  
chloride-argon mixts.)  
IT Surface structure  
(roughness, after sputter etching of Group IIIA  
pnictides).  
IT Etching  
Kinetics of etching  
(sputter, of Group IIIA pnictides using chlorine-boron  
chloride-argon or dichlorodifluoromethane-boron  
chloride-argon mixts.)  
IT 7783-52-0P, Indium trifluoride  
(formation of, in plasma etching of indium  
pnictides, slowing of etching by)  
IT 7631-86-9, Silica, uses  
(masks, etching of, with carbon tetrafluoride  
plasma on Group IIIA pnictides)  
IT 60267-30-3, AZ1350J  
(masks, etching of, with chlorine-boron  
chloride-argon or dichlorodifluoromethane-boron  
chloride-argon mixts.)  
IT 75-73-0, Carbon tetrafluoride  
(plasma etching of silicon dioxide masks  
with)  
IT 75-71-8, Dichlorodifluoromethane 10294-34-5, Boron  
chloride (BCl<sub>3</sub>)  
(sputter etching of Group IIIA pnictides by discharge  
mixt. contg.)  
IT 7440-37-1, Argon, reactions 7782-50-5, Chlorine,  
reactions  
(sputter etching of Group IIIA pnictides by discharge  
mixt. contg.)  
IT 1303-00-0, Gallium arsenide, reactions 12645-36-2, Gallium indium  
arsenide phosphide 22398-80-7, Indium phosphide, reactions  
106097-59-0, Gallium indium arsenide Ga<sub>0.47</sub>In<sub>0.53</sub>As 106218-96-6,  
Aluminum gallium arsenide (Al<sub>0.4</sub>Ga<sub>0.6</sub>As) 106312-09-8, Aluminum  
gallium arsenide (Al<sub>0.2</sub>Ga<sub>0.8</sub>As) 106495-76-5, Aluminum gallium  
arsenide (Al<sub>0.25</sub>Ga<sub>0.75</sub>As)  
(sputter etching of, using chlorine-boron  
chloride-argon or dichlorodifluoromethane-boron

chloride-argon mixts.)

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 118:245396 Via hole process for gallium arsenide monolithic microwave integrated circuit using two-step dry etching. Chung, M. S.; Kim, H. R.; Lee, J. E.; Kang, B. K.; Kim, B. M. (Pohang Inst. Sci. Technol., Pohang, S. Korea). Journal of Vacuum Science & Technology, B: Microelectronics and Nanometer Structures, 11(2), 159-64 (English) 1993. CODEN: JVTBD9. ISSN: 0734-211X.

AB A fast, reproducible, and reliable via hole dry etching process for GaAs monolithic microwave integrated circuit (MMIC) fabrication is described. The etching process consists of 2 steps. During the 1st etching step, a BC13/C12 /Ar gas mixt. is used to achieve a high etch rate and small lateral etching. In the 2nd etching step, CCl2F2 gas is used to achieve a selective etching of the GaAs substrate with respect to the front side metal layer, which is 500-.ANG.-thick Cr. Via holes are formed from the back side of a 100-.mu.m-thick GaAs substrate and are electroplated with Au (.apprx.20-.mu.m-thick). The resulting via hole profile and surface morphol. are satisfactory for reproducible and reliable MMIC via groundings. CCl2F2.

IT 7782-50-5, Chlorine, uses  
 (dry etching with, in via hole process for gallium arsenide monolithic microwave integrated circuits)

RN 7782-50-5 HCA  
 CN Chlorine (6CI, 7CI, 8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)

#### Cl-Cl

CC 76-2 (Electric Phenomena)  
 ST via hole gallium arsenide plasma etching; boron chloride plasma etching via hole; chlorine plasma etching via hole; dichlorodifluoromethane plasma etching via hole; argon plasma etching via hole

IT Sputtering  
 (etching, in via hole process for gallium arsenide monolithic microwave integrated circuits)

IT Electric circuits  
 (integrated, gallium arsenide monolithic microwave, via hole process for, using two-step dry etching)

IT Etching  
 (sputter, in via hole process for gallium arsenide monolithic microwave integrated circuits)

IT 75-71-8, Carbon chloride fluoride (CCl2F2) 7440-37-1, Argon, uses 7782-50-5, Chlorine, uses 10294-34-5, Boron trichloride  
 (dry etching with, in via hole process for gallium arsenide monolithic microwave integrated circuits)

IT 1303-00-0, Gallium monoarsenide, uses

(monolithic microwave integrated circuits, via hole process for, using two-step dry etching)

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114:92357 Plasma etching of wall deposition.

Iwasaki, Akinori; Higuchi, Hisashi; Okubo, Daigoro; Oyama, Takeshi (Kyocera Corp., Japan). Jpn. Kokai Tokkyo Koho JP 02197572 A2 19900806 Heisei, 4 pp. (Japanese). CODEN: JKXXAF.

APPLICATION: JP 1989-18219 19890127.

AB The title method uses ClF<sub>3</sub> mixed with an **inert gas** at 9:1 to 3:7 for removal of wall deposition with glow discharge after **plasma** chem. vapor deposition of amorphous Si carbide.

ICM C23C016-44

ICS C23C016-56; C23F004-00

CC 75-2 (Crystallography and Liquid Crystals)

ST **plasma etching** removal wall deposition; amorphous silicon carbide wall deposition removal; **chlorine fluoride inert gas plasma etching**

IT Sputtering

(**etching**, removal of wall deposition of amorphous silicon carbide by, with **chlorine fluoride-inert gas mixt.**)

IT Etching

(sputter, removal of wall deposition of amorphous silicon carbide by, with **chlorine fluoride-inert gas mixt.**)

IT 7790-91-2, Chlorine trifluoride (ClF<sub>3</sub>)

(mixed with **inert gas**, **plasma etching** of silicon carbide wall deposition by)

IT 409-21-2, Silicon carbide, reactions

(**plasma etching** of amorphous wall deposition of, for removal)

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99:62630 Reactive ion **etching** of silicon with **chlorine**

/argon. (1). Pogge, H. B.; Bondur, J. A.; Burkhardt, P. J. (Gen. Technol. Div., IBM Corp., Hopewell Junction, NY, 12533, USA). Journal of the Electrochemical Society, 130(7), 1592-7 (English) 1983. CODEN: JESOAN. ISSN: 0013-4651.

AB A study of the use of reactive Cl species for **etching** Si

and SiO<sub>2</sub> in a **plasma etching** process was made

with a Cl<sub>2</sub>-Ar **gas mixt.** in a

cathode-coupled diode system. A key advantage of the Cl<sub>2</sub>-

Ar **gas mixt.** is the ability to achieve high

etch rate ratios between Si and SiO<sub>2</sub> (.gtoreq.20:1) coupled

with no mask undercutting, which tends to be prevalent with **fluorinated gas** systems. **Etching** characteristics

of Si as a function of process parameters (Cl<sub>2</sub> concn.,

pressure, system loading) and material parameters (e.g., Si cond., edge shape of SiO<sub>2</sub> mask) were evaluated. These parameters can

influence the Si etch rate, the Si/SiO<sub>2</sub> etch rate ratio, as well as the etched edge shape.  
 IT 7782-50-5, reactions  
     (reactive-ion etching of silicon by argon and)  
 RN 7782-50-5 HCA  
 CN Chlorine (6CI, 7CI, 8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)

Cl-Cl

CC 76-11 (Electric Phenomena)  
 ST plasma etching silicon; reactive ion etching silicon; chlorine plasma etching silicon; argon plasma etching silicon  
 IT Plasma, chemical and physical effects  
     (etching by, of silicon, with chlorine and argon)  
 IT Etching  
     (sputter, of silicon by chlorine and argon)  
 IT 7782-50-5, reactions  
     (reactive-ion etching of silicon by argon and)  
 IT 7440-37-1, reactions  
     (reactive-ion etching of silicon by chlorine and)  
 IT 7440-21-3, reactions 7631-86-9, reactions  
     (reactive-ion etching of, by chlorine and argon)

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 96:96238 Reactive-ion etching of polycrystalline silicon.  
     (International Business Machines Corp., USA). Jpn. Kokai Tokkyo Koho JP 56144542 A2 19811110 Showa, 6 pp. (Japanese).  
     CODEN: JKXXAF. APPLICATION: JP 1981-31449 19810306. PRIORITY: US 1980-130892 19800317.  
 AB A reactive-ion etching process is described for selective etching of polycryst. Si over single-cryst. Si. The process utilizes plasma (10-500 mtorr) from CF<sub>4</sub> x, Cl<sub>2</sub> y, and an inert gas z parts, where x + y + z = 100; x + y >= 25; and x, y > 0. The process is useful in fabrication of a semiconductor device (e.g., a FET integrated circuit).  
 IT 7782-50-5, reactions  
     (etching of polycryst. silicon by plasma from carbon tetrafluoride and)  
 RN 7782-50-5 HCA  
 CN Chlorine (6CI, 7CI, 8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)

Cl-Cl

IC H01L021-302

CC 76-3 (Electric Phenomena)  
 ST reactive ion etching polycryst silicon; chlorine  
     plasma etching polycryst silicon; carbon  
     fluoride etching polycryst silicon  
 IT Plasma, chemical and physical effects  
     (etching by, of polycryst. silicon)  
 IT Semiconductor devices  
     (selective etching of polycryst. silicon in fabrication  
     of)  
 IT Etching  
     (dry, of polycryst. silicon)  
 IT Transistors  
     (field-effect, selective etching of polycryst. silicon  
     in fabrication of)  
 IT 7782-50-5, reactions  
     (etching of polycryst. silicon by plasma from  
     carbon tetrafluoride and)  
 IT 75-73-0  
     (etching of polycryst. silicon by plasma from  
     chlorine and)  
 IT 7440-21-3, reactions  
     (polycryst., etching of, by plasma from  
     chlorine and carbon tetrafluoride)

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96:27485 Fabrication of microminiature devices using plasma  
 etching of silicon and resultant products. Maydan, Dan;  
 Flamm, Daniel Lawrence; Wang, David Nin Kou (Western Electric Co.,  
 Inc. , USA). PCT Int. Appl. WO 8102947 A1 19811015, 23  
 pp. DESIGNATED STATES: W: JP; RW: DE, FR, GB, NL. (English).  
 CODEN: PIXXD2. APPLICATION: WO 1981-US349 19810320. PRIORITY: US  
 1980-138083 19800407.

AB A process for fabricating microminiature devices such as integrated  
 circuits utiliaing delineating fine-line patterns by dry  
 etching is described. The process involves the cry  
 etching of of at least of one surface of Si using a  
 F-contg. gaseous etchant and the reaction product  
 does not etch the other surface of the device. The  
 F-contg. gases are selected from ClF<sub>3</sub>, NF<sub>3</sub> BrF<sub>3</sub> or IF<sub>3</sub>;  
 together with inert gases, Cl, CCl<sub>4</sub> or  
 F. The etching processes are substantially free  
 of any proximity effects and are characterized by a high  
 etching rate at relatively low power levels, high  
 selectivity, and excellent uniformity. The amt. of undercutting  
 achieved during the etching process can be selectively  
 controlled.

IT 7782-50-5, reactions  
     (etching of silicon by fluorine-contg. gases  
     in, in integrated circuit fabrication)

RN 7782-50-5 HCA  
 CN Chlorine (6CI, 7CI, 8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)

Cl-Cl

IC H01L021-306; H01L021-312  
 CC 76-3 (Electric Phenomena)  
 ST integrated circuit **plasma etching**; silicon  
 circuit **plasma etching**; **fluorine**  
**plasma etching** integrated circuit  
 IT **Plasma**, chemical and physical effects  
 (etching, in integrated-circuit fabrication)  
 IT **Etching**  
 (dry, in integrated-circuit fabrication)  
 IT Electric circuits  
 (integrated, **plasma etching** in fabrication  
 of)  
 IT 56-23-5, reactions 7782-41-4, reactions 7782-50-5,  
 reactions  
 (etching of silicon by **fluorine**-contg. gases  
 in, in integrated circuit fabrication)  
 IT 7783-54-2 7787-71-5 7790-91-2 22520-96-3  
 (etching of silicon by, in integrated circuit  
 fabrication)  
 IT 7440-21-3, properties  
 (**plasma etching** of, in integrated-circuit  
 fabrication)

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94:218504 Contamination-free selective reactive ion **etching** or  
 polycrystalline silicon against silicon dioxide. Forget, Lawrence  
 E.; Gdula, Robert A.; Hollis, Joseph C. (International Business  
 Machines Corp., USA). U.S. US 4264409 19810428, 6 pp.  
 (English). CODEN: USXXAM. APPLICATION: US 1980-130916 19800317.

AB Selective directional and contamination-free reactive ion  
**etching** of Si against insulator mask is achieved by  
 subjecting the unmasked region of the body of a radio-frequency  
**plasma** consisting of x parts SiF<sub>4</sub>, y parts Cl<sub>2</sub>,  
 and z parts **inert gas**, wherein x + y + z = 100,  
 $x + y \leq 25$ , x > 0, and y > 0, until the desired  
**etching** is completed. The Si body may be mono- or  
 polycryst., and the mask, SiO<sub>2</sub>. The **inert gas**  
 may be He or Ar, and x = 1.5-20 parts, x + y = 2-25 parts.  
 The process has selectivity (high Si/SiO<sub>2</sub> etch rate ratio)  
 and directionality which creates vertical sidewalls on the  
**etched** features, and the gas contains no contaminants which  
 can cause yield problems in very large-scale integrated circuits.  
 No brown Si redeposits on the inside surface of the reactor.

IT 7782-50-5, reactions  
 (etching by **plasma** of silicon  
 tetrafluoride and, of silicon for integrated circuits)

RN 7782-50-5 HCA

CN Chlorine (6CI, 7CI, 8CI, 9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)

Cl-Cl

IC H01L021-306  
NCL 156643000  
CC 76-4 (Electric Phenomena)  
ST ion etching silicon integrated circuit; plasma  
etching silicon integrated circuit; chlorine  
etching silicon integrated circuit; fluoride  
silicon etching integrated circuit  
IT Plasma, chemical and physical effects  
(etching by chlorine-silicon  
tetrafluoride, of silicon for integrated circuits)  
IT Etching  
(sputter, of silicon for integrated circuits, by chlorine  
-silicon tetrafluoride mixt.)  
IT 7783-61-1  
(etching by plasma from chlorine  
and, of silicon for integrated circuits)  
IT 7782-50-5, reactions  
(etching by plasma of silicon  
tetrafluoride and, of silicon for integrated circuits)  
IT 7631-86-9, uses and miscellaneous  
(etching masks, in plasma etching  
of silicon for integrated circuits)  
IT 7440-21-3, reactions  
(etching of, by plasma from chlorine  
and silicon tetrafluoride, for integrated circuit)